Education and Communication (IEC) and awareness campaign, provision of voluntary testing and counselling, safe blood transusion services and prevention of occupational exposure.

- Providing financial assistance for opportunistic infections, home and community based care.
- Strengthening effectiveness and technical, managerial, financial sustainability at National, State and Municipal levels.
- Promoting collaboration amongst public, private and voluntary sector.

Primary Health Care Centres in Andhra Pradesh

365. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Primary Health Care Centres in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the amount of aid given to these centres during the last three years; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to improve their functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) There are 10568 Sub-centres, 1386 Primary Health Centres, 219 Community Health Centres and 420 Community and Health centres and 420 Rural Family Welfare Centres are functioning in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

(b) The funds provided to the State Government for primary health care services under various schemes during the last three years are as under:

Year	PMGY	RCH Civil Works	Sub-centres	Rural EW Centres
				(Rs. in lakhs)
1999-2000	—	562	2894	2700
2000-2001	2841.90	—	3000	2693
2001-2002	2841	—	3450	3135

(c) while public health is primarily a state subejct in terms of implementation and management, the Central Government is providing technical and financial assistance in all critical areas, which affect the programme. States are regularly being advised to take appropriate steps on priority, to address the unmet need. Government has initiated innumerable innovative interventions to expand outreach and coverage so that even the remote areas are adequately served.

Under the State Health Systems Project, Community health Centres and District Hospitals are being upgraded and better equipped to provide quality health services to people in rural and backward areas.

Under the Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojana, specific provisioning has been made towards repairs and renovation of the public health infrastructure, purchasing of drugs and essential consumables and contingencies.

Area Development Projects are also being implemented with financial assistance from external agencies for strengthening of health and family welfare infrastructure. One of the main activities of Area Projects includes construction of buildings for sub-centres, primary health centres and community health centres.

Under the reproductive & Child Health Programme, the following steps are being taken to strengthen the primary health care institutions:

- Major Civil works for repair/construction of OT/Labour Room
- Provision of equipments/medicine for emergency, obstetrics at selected first referral units.
- Financial assistace for contracts/appointments/hiring of Anaesthetists/Gynaecologists etc. wherever not available.
- Skill based in-service training for capacity building of ANMs and other health functionaries at subcentres.

Efforts are also being made to increase the outreach of health care services through Swasthya Melas and Reproductive and Child Health Camps etc.